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## PEDESTRIAN IS 51<sup>ST</sup> FATALITY OF 2010

Date/Time: 10-02-10 @ 6:25 a.m. Location: Loop 375 MP12

Pedestrian 1: Elizabeth Hernandez, 33 years old, Chaparral, NM (DECEASED)
Pedestrian 2: Albina Sanchez, 28 years old, Anthony, NM (INJURED)
Vehicle 1: (Fled Scene)

Vehicle 2: 2009 white Honda Fit

Driver: David Osborne, 51 years old, El Paso, TX

Vehicle 3: white Ford Expedition

Driver: Julio Fraire, 23 years old, El Paso, TX

EL PASO, TEXAS – Special Traffic Investigators (STI) responded to Loop 375 at Mile Post 12 to assist Westside Patrol with traffic collision involving a pedestrian fatality. The preliminary investigation revealed that David Osborne was operating a 2009 Honda Fit west on Loop 375 and Julio Fraire was operating a Ford Expedition west on Loop 375 behind Osborne. At Loop 375 Mile Post 12 a light colored sedan that was east bound on Loop 375 swerved from the east bound lanes into the west bound lanes colliding with Osborne's Honda on the drivers side as Osborne attempted to evade the vehicle that was driving at him, Fraire also moved to the emergency lane to avoid the sane vehicle, at the same time Elizabeth Hernandez and Albina Sanchez were walking in the west bound emergency lane. The front of the Ford collided with Hernandez and Sanchez. Sanchez was transported to University Medical Center for treatment and Hernandez died at the scene. The vehicle that swerved into the west bound lanes fled the scene while Osborne and Fraire stopped. Anyone with information regarding this fatal collision is asked to call the El Paso Police Department at 915.832.4400. This investigation continues......

This is the 51<sup>st</sup> traffic fatality for 2010 as compared to 43 at this time in 2009. This is the 17<sup>th</sup> pedestrian fatality as compared to 4 at this time in 2009.



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